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CYPRUS-SECOND NIGHTLEAD COUNCIL

BY ANTHONY GOODMAN

UNITED NATIONS, AUG. 1, REUTER--THE SECURITY COUNCIL TONIGHT AUTHORIZED THE U.N. PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS (UNFICYP) TO UNDERTAKE NEW DUTIES LAID DOWN IN THE GENEVA CEASE-FIRE ACCORD.

THE VOTE WAS 12 IN FAVOR NONE AGAINST WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND BYELORUSSIA ABSTAINING.

CHINA DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE.

LESS THAN 24 HOURS EARLIER, SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE JACOB MALIK VETED A SIMILAR RESOLUTION, COMPLAINING HE HAD NOT HAD ENOUGH TIME TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW.

TODAY MR. MALIK WAS IN THE CHAIR, HAVING TAKEN OVER THE COUNCIL PRESIDENCY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING FROM HOME LEAVE LAST NIGHT.

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UNDER THE GENEVA AGREEMENT SIGNED ON TUESDAY BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE, TURKEY AND BRITAIN, THE U.N. FORCE IS TO PATROL A BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN THE TURKISH ARMY AND THE CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD. IT WILL ALSO POLICE VILLAGES WITH MIXED GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT POPULATIONS.

TODAY'S RESOLUTION WAS SIMILAR TO YESTERDAY'S VETED DRAFT IN REQUESTING SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM TO "TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION" REGARDING UNFICYP.

BUT IT ALSO ASKED HIM TO PRESENT A FULL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE CEASE-FIRE WILL BE THE FIRST STEP IN THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 353 (1974)."

THAT RESOLUTION, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY ON JULY 20, CALLED FOR A CEASE-FIRE, AN IMMEDIATE END TO FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION AND NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE HELD LATER AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

THE REQUEST FOR A FULL REPORT FROM MR. WALDHEIM WAS AIMED AT GIVING THE COUNCIL TIGHTER CONTROL OVER THE OPERATIONS OF THE U.N. FORCE.

THIS IS A PRIZE SOVIET DEMAND IN ANY PEACE-KEEPING

SITUATION SINCE IT ENABLES THE RUSSIANS TO EXERCISE A VETO
OVER THE USE OF A U.N. FORCE.

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THE RESOLUTION -- LIKE YESTERDAY'S -- MADE NO SPECIFIC
REFERENCE TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, IN APPARENT DEFERENCE TO
THE SOVIET UNION WHICH PLAYED NO ROLE THERE.

INFORMED SOURCES SAID THAT CYPRIOT U.N. REPRESENTATIVE
ZENON ROSSIDES, APPOINTED BY THE OVERTHROWN MAKARIOS
GOVERNMENT, STRONGLY URGED THE SOVIET UNION NOT TO DELAY
ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THE ALREADY SHAKY
CEASE-FIRE ON THE MEDITERRANEAN ISLAND.

IN CONTRAST TO YESTERDAY'S ACQUIESCENT COUNCIL SESSION
WHICH WAS PEPPERED WITH PARLIAMENTARY RUSES, TODAY'S WAS BRISK
AND BUSINESSLIKE.

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THE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION WAS TAKEN MINUTES AFTER THE
15-NATION BODY WAS CAVELED TO ORDER BY A JOVIAL MR. MALIK, WHO
OPENED WITH A GRACIOUS TRIBUTE TO THE COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT FOR
JULY, AMBASSADOR JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR OF PERU.

SEATED NEXT TO MR. MALIK WAS SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDMAN WHO
WAS SO CONFIDENT OF POSITIVE ACTION AT TODAY'S SESSION THAT HE
HAD EARLIER BOOKED AN EVENING FLIGHT TO LISBON TO DISCUSS
PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN TERRITORIES WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT THERE.

HIS TRIP HAD BEEN POSTPONED EARLIER THIS WEEK DUE TO THE
CYPRUS CRISIS.

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